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SUBJECT: DOCTORS VS. THE FMG: THE CONFRONTATION CONTINUES

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1. THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE FMG AND NIGERIAN DOCTORS OVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIVATE PRACTICE DECREE IS CONTINUING WITH DOCTORS AT MANY HOSPITALS ADOPTING A "WORK-TO-RULE," FORTY-HOUR WEEK IN PROTEST AGAINST THE DECREE. THE DECISION TO ADOPT THE "WORK-TO-RULE" TACTIC WAS APPARENTLY TAKEN AT THE APRIL 27-29 MEETING OF THE NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NMA) IN BENIN CITY. THE NMA ALSO DECIDED TO FILE A SUIT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO PUT ITS CASE ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC WITH A SERIES OF FULL PAGE NEWS-PAPER ADS.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE "WORK-TO-RULE" POLICY HAS LED TO THE ELIMINATION OF EVENING CLINICS AT THE LAGOS UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL (LUTH) AND THE SITUATION IS EXPECTED TO GET WORSE IF LUTH DOCTORS ACT ON THEIR THREATS TO RESIGN
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A SIMILAR SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BENIN TEACHING HOSPITAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENT CLINICS. NIGERIAN TELEVISION WAS REPORTED LENGTHY DELAYS FOR PATIENTS AWAITING TREATMENT AT VAIIOUS HOSPITALS AROUND THE COUNTRY. NEVERTHELESS, THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BACK DOWN FROM ITS DECREE. EASUM

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